

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, OCTOBER 7, 2015  
GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

Vice President Massillamany called to order the Work Session of the Hamilton County Council at 06:30:00. This work session was for the discussion of the Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program.

Vice President Massillamany opened the meeting for public comments on the proposed 2016 budget at 07:00:00 p.m.

There were no taxpayers or comments for Hamilton County, Hamilton County Solid Waste District or Hamilton County Airport Authority 2016 Budgets.

Councilor Schwartz moved to amend 2016 144 for line items 1121.0000.0009.1334 and 1335 General and Primary Election Board for Judges from \$110 to \$120. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Vice President Massillamany closed the public hearing on the 2016 Budget at 07:01:28 p.m.

Vice President Massillamany called to order the Regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council at 07:00:09 p.m. Those in attendance were Councilors Fred Glynn, Rick McKinney, Amy Massillamany, Steve Schwartz, Jim Belden, and Brad Beaver. A quorum was declared by Auditor Dawn Coverdale.

Councilor Glynn gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilor Beaver moved to approve Regular minutes of September 2, 2015. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve 2016 Budget Hearing Notes of September 9 and 10, 2015. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** 07:06:24 None

**COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT** 07:06:31

President:

- None

Vice President:

- None

Highway:

- Councilor McKinney reported meeting this morning and items are on the agenda

Finance:

- None

Personnel:

- Councilor Belden reported items are on the agenda

**Miscellaneous:**

- Councilor Schwartz move to amend the agenda and add Noblesville Redevelopment Commission appointment. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 07:07:28**

- None

**TABLED BUSINESS: 07:07:49**

- Merit Deputy 144
  - Councilor McKinney moved to untable Merit Deputy 144 Request. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.
  - Councilor Beaver moved to approve Merit Deputy 144. Motion died for lack of second.
- Additional Request COIT Distributive Shares Fund – Clerk remained tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS 07:08:51**

Councilor Beaver moved to approve vendor claims. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Snowden, Executive Director of Communications, reported that there has been a transfer of vendor for the Public Safety Software Suite. At the time the funding was appropriated, HCPSC had negotiated a contract with InterAct which was signed by the County Commissioners on December 17, 2014. InterAct was purchased by Harris Public Sector & School Group on March 17, 2015. HCPSC was put on hold by Harris for a 45 day period. After the 45 day period, Hamilton County received word from Harris that the company could not meet the obligations of the contract in price, timelines or deliverables. This news resulted in the County Commissioners sending a stop work notice to Harris on June 22, 2015, while HCPSC explored alternatives with the agencies we serve.

HCPSC's goal is twofold: to update our Public Safety Software Suite to a modern system and to join the County on one Software Suite for all agencies. It was determined that HCPSC should continue working with our current vendor (New World Systems) to upgrade the Public Safety Suite that we currently use for 80% of the County in order to validate that New World Systems would be a viable option for the entire county

HCPSC is now well within that validation, and are finding that New World is meeting their obligations. They have worked through any minor issues that we have found up to this point.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve the vendor change request. Councilor Beaver seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Nate Lichti, Executive Director of Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) was asked to give his presentation. Vice President Massillamany asked that this presentation be kept to ten minutes.

HAND secured interest in two very strategic properties, one effort received quite a bit of public attention. Of course, we follow the same rules to provide the absolute best housing opportunities we can possibly provide. This means proximity to jobs – The Foundry in Noblesville and Grand Park in Westfield, walkable communities, and high performance housing. These provide that and much more.

Blackhawk Commons creates 30 apartments through the renovation of a vacant, abandoned school. The gymnasium, or Hobbs Hall, will become a community asset again by providing space for the popular recreation programs. The Rec League in Sheridan already pledged to help with operating expenses for the space (\$5,000/year). The school is also grateful for the additional space as 3<sup>rd</sup> graders currently are practicing at 8 p.m. due to limited gym capacity.

The Elevator and Lofts at the Noblesville Granary also creates 54 apartments built to high performance standards. The renovated grain elevator will become a business incubator with over 10,000 s.f. of commercial space, and the preservation of the interior structure will create an attraction and gallery for local artist. The Elevator will become a hub similar to Launch Fishers, with true Noblesville Miller character. Individuals maker's space and shared offices will create a vibrant, creative network of entrepreneurs and artists.

#### BLACKHAWK COMMONS PROJECT:

The following individuals spoke in favor of the Blackhawk Commons Project:

- Robert Marr – Member of Redevelopment Commission, Town of Sheridan
- Carla Naum – Development partner, Milestone Ventures – Fishers Resident with Background into on Section 42 Tax Credits

Councilor McKinney resolved \$300,000 to HAND for Blackhawk Commons Project. Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried. A letter will be drafted and forwarded to Nick Lichti so that hand can moved forward with the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline that they are up against.

#### NOBLESVILLE GRANARY PROJECT:

The following individuals spoke either in favor or against the project:

- Mark Winzenread – CFO Walker Information (In Favor)
- Debbie Jamieson – Resident of the Southwest Quad Neighborhood (In Favor)
- Dottie Young – Member of Hamilton County Historical Society (In Favor)
- Nancy Chance – Good Samaritan Network (In Favor)
- Sandy Stewart – Executive Director , Primelife Enrichment (In Favor)
- Maggie Benefiel – Operations Manager for Shane LLC. (Against)
- Karen Reynolds – Homeowner (In Favor)
- Rock Shaneksaz – Owner of The Model Mill (Against)

Vice President Massillamany asked if there was a motion for the Noblesville Granary Project. There was none.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve 1000 Country General Fund 144 Amendment for the ISSD :

- 1000.0000.0020.1011-07 PAT B at \$29.8536 per hour

Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve 1023 Hamilton County Airport Authority General Fund Transfer of Funds:

- 1023.0000.0000.2200 Operating Supplies for \$12,000 to 1023.0000.0000.3001 Professional Services \$6,000 and 1023.0000.0000.3500 Repairs and Maintenance \$6,000

Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve 1121 COIT Distributive Shares Fund Judicial Services Transfer of Funds:

- 1121.0000.0018.3500 Outsourced Repairs and Maintenance for \$1,720 to 1121.0000.0018.4500 Machinery and Equipment

Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve 1121 COIT Distributive Shares Fund Sheriff 144 Amendment:

- 1121.0000.0037.1052-02 POLE J at \$23.0310 per hour

Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve 1176 Highway Fund Transfer of Funds:

- 1176.0000.0000.1327 Seasonal PT for \$2,000 to 1176.0000.0000.1410 Uniforms

Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve 1176 Highway Fund Transfer of Funds:

- 1176.0000.0000.2300 Repair and Maintenance for \$50,000 to 1176.0000.0000.4500 Machinery and Equipment

Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Belden moved to approve 1222 Statewide E911 Fund Sheriff 144 Amendment:

- To Pay Two Individuals from one line item
- 1222.0000.0000.1051-05 POLE I at \$17.3706 per hour
- 1222.0000.0000.1051-64 POLE I at \$17.3706 per hour

Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to nominate David Johnson to the Noblesville Economic Commission. Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS/REDUCTIONS: 07:51:52**

Vice President Massillamany opened the public hearing concerning additional appropriations/reductions.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve the following additional appropriation for 1023 Hamilton County Airport Authority:

- 11023.0000.0000.3001 Professional Services for \$104,975

Councilor Belden seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Schwartz moved to approve the following additional appropriation for 1121 COIT Distributive Shares Fund Sheriff:

- 1121.0000.0037.1200 Overtime for \$60,000
- 1121.0000.0037.1300 Part Time for \$30,000
- 1121.0000.0037.1317 Part Time CO for \$150,000

Councilor McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Councilor McKinney moved to approve additional appropriation for 1138 Cumulative Capital Development Fund:

- 1138.0201.0471.4200 Infrastructure for \$700,000
- 1138.0201.0561.4200 Infrastructure for \$100,000

Councilor Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

Vice President Massillamany closed the public hearing concerning additional appropriations/reductions.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 07:55:04

**SHERIFF COMMENTS:**

- None

**COUNCIL ATTORNEY COMMENTS:**

- Surety Bond Ordinance for approval in November
- 2016 Board and Commission Appointments

**AUDITOR'S COMMENTS:**

- Asked for clarification for the HAND additional appropriation in 2016
- Nick Lichti stated if the grant is successful HAND will know in February 2016.
- Monies will not be needed from the County until August or September

The meeting was duly adjourned.

Those present:

Jeanette Kassebaum, Council Attorney  
Robin M. Mills, Chief Deputy Auditor  
Dept.

Sharena Schmidt, HR

Becky Mesalar

Gloria Morehouse

Ryan Horine, HCSD

Ramona Ploof

Tammy Murray

Hannah Trayer

Lindsey Erdody

Trey Heaton

Maggie Benefiel

Holly Wheeler

Claire Zemer, Student

Chris Mertens, ISSD

Matt Yates

Debbie Jamieson

Jeff Hern

Lee Buckingham, Prosecutor

Carl Colbert, WR Township Fire

Bruce Scherer, Cicero Fire

Ashley Sherwood, Student

Dawn Coverdale, Auditor  
Major Tom Gehlhausen, Sheriff

Dianna Lynch

Beverly Frederick

Margaret Shreve

Jesse Linville

Marcus Ploof

Jonathan Ehlke

Parvin Gillim

Nancy Chance

Rocky Shaneksaz

Karen Reynolds

Christine Zemer

Brad Davis, HCHD

Mike Snowden, Communications

Mike Corbett

Paula S Gilliam

Don Jellison, Reporter

Dan Faut, HCLA

James Miller, HC Communications

Ron Taylor, Wayne Township Fire



Amy Massillamany, Vice President  
Hamilton County Council



Dawn Coverdale, Auditor  
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Vice President Massillamany opened the work session with a quorum present of Councilor Brad Beaver, Councilor Jim Belden, Councilor Fred Glynn, Councilor Amy Massillamany, Councilor Rick McKinney, and Councilor Steve Schwartz.

Others Present

Judge Steve Nation

Judge Paul Felix

Tricia Akers

Dawn Coverdale, Auditor

Robin Mills, Chief Deputy Auditor

Jeanette Kassebaum, Council Attorney

**YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Judge Steve Nation informed the Council that they were requested by the Commissioners to appear before them to request full funding of the Youth Assistance Program (YAP). The request was approved by the Commissioners with the caveat of the Council approving the funding. YAP is in every school jurisdiction within Hamilton County and also in Zionsville and Shelby County. McKinney asked why they asked him to present this request? Nation replied he was at the E-filing announcement by Hamilton County, Representative Tony Cook was present and he was talking with somebody from the Governor's office about YAP. Then Cook was talking with Commissioner Altman and Commissioner Heirbrandt and they approached him. Nation believes Commissioner Dillinger was not at the E-filing announcement. McKinney appreciated Nation meeting with him and is trying to remember why is this request coming at this time; are the municipalities having problems funding it or the school districts? Nation replied where we are is that the need is out there, we are trying to figure out how to have a county presence within each one of the school districts, maintain what we have from the various school districts and increase our staff. Glynn asked if that is the main objective, that you want eight (8) new employees, right now if this request was not approved you would keep your staffing levels where they are now? Nation agreed. The program would still be there you just wouldn't be able to increase your staffing levels? Nation replied correct. The problem with (Hamilton) Southeastern right now is that we have one (1) YAP counselor to 196 children. Nation stated we are blessed in Hamilton County in that we have three of the top 10 school populations in the state but that causes a lot of issues. There are 22,000 students just in Southeastern. We have 89,000 children 17 years or younger in Hamilton County. We have a big population base that we are trying to prepare for and take the program to the next level.

Beaver confirmed they are asking for eight (8) employees? Nation replied yes. Beaver asked if he gave any consideration of how we are going to fund eight (8) employees? Nation replied no. Beaver stated we don't have the revenue to add eight (8) employees to the county payroll. We are running expenses higher than income right now. It is just a matter that you need it so you asked for it and we figure out how to pay for it? Nation replied yes, he did not sit down with anybody on the Council or Commissioners

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to say here are the possible opportunities, here it is, this is how it is done. He has tried to answer questions of the people who have called and talked to him about it. From that side of it, absolutely nothing was said. He knows when they received monies from Noblesville and he thinks it was COIT (County Option Income Tax) it happened quickly, he was given "x" amount of money. Beaver asked if it was the City of Noblesville or the school system? Nation replied the City of Noblesville. Akers stated the City of Noblesville has agreed to give us \$65,000 for 2016 and she will invoice them at the first of the year. The Noblesville school district is giving us \$8,000 for 2016. Nation stated once they are invoiced the money goes into a county fund. Beaver asked if all of their employees sign a piece of paper that says they are working off grant funding and when the money goes away so does the job? Akers replied that is correct.

Belden asked how does a student get into the program to begin with? Do the courts put them in there? Nation replied no. Counselors, parents, police, or DCS. Akers reported there is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student they received a referral from the school, they helped him connect with an agency called Kid Psych that is trying to help him with cognitive and behavioral therapy, unfortunately the therapist reached out to YAP to let them know they have done what they can do and he needs a medication management piece but the wait to get him into a psychiatrist is four to six months and he desperately needs this medication. Nation added the background always shows that that child will go into a classroom and does something and then he shows up in the juvenile court. For 19 individuals we have spent \$1.4 million that are in the current juvenile system.

Glynn sees the merits of the program but he is looking at the numbers, we have cash but we don't have revenue. It scares him that this is a permanent funding source. Judge Felix added that scares him too; when Nation first approached him about working with him on this program he was told this is a community based program, not government and we are not going to be going to Council meetings to ask for money, we are going to be getting our money from the community. People who are benefitting from this service will be providing the funding. Felix added while we are looking for a permanent revenue source we don't want the Council to be the permanent revenue source. We will always be looking for another source. Nation stated we want the communities to stay in this, we have found that when the communities stay in it, even though the schools are giving \$8,000, it makes it a whole different program. The communities are invested in it. The Carmel School Board looked at it differently than other boards, they asked what four corporations can we get together to fund this, we don't have that in every jurisdiction. We go from 1,200 students in Sheridan to 22,000 in Southeastern. This is so diverse, in the northern part of the county we have the Biddle Foundation for Sheridan and the Beck Foundation for Hamilton Heights because we don't have a governmental entity that would be able to finance any of it.

Schwartz stated he noticed that one piece of this is the schools are doing fundraisers for this program. Does that money go directly to the program? Akers replied right, all the early intervention advocates work alongside a 501(C)3 non for profit board. That board's job is to support the kids and the early intervention advocate by raising money so we can pay for the services for the kids, the cleats, football

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gear, and getting the kids connected to an adult led social activity. We have had lots of fundraisers, they have benefited from the Noblesville Mayor's Ball for the past few years, there is Counting Kids First for Fishers where we raised \$8,000 and the walk in Westfield is coming up. It is important that the community component continue to raise funds for the kids. All of our administrative office space fees are covered or donated by in-kind services. We are not paying for office space, the school district is giving us the office space or the (township) trustee is giving us office space. Office supplies are all given to us by the school districts. They may not have large dollars to turn over to us but they are able to house us and give us the benefits that we need so much to survive. Beaver stated that is important, his wife is a big advocate of the program and he has attended one of the graduation programs. This is a great program but from county government every county employee has an elected official responsible, where is the end of the line for this program and Nation is told him it was him. These employees, if funded, would be in his line item. The Judge already has a full-time job but likes what they are saying that there is supervision and the community input. If we were to put eight (8) county employees out into the school systems, the Judge has a full time job and who would be looking after them. If they did a lousy job the school would not get rid of them because they are not paying for them, whoever is paying is going to be watching.

Massillamany stated this is one of her favorite programs and no matter how you look at it we are benefitting the students that are in need but it is also benefitting the teachers and other students that won't have the disruptions. As you continue to grow, if we fund it for a year and can't fund it for the next year are you prepared for that disruption? It would be a grant, once the money disappears so do the jobs, not the entire program. We can't afford it no matter how we look at it, there is way too much coming in the future but she doesn't want to see the program disappear over time. Schwartz clarified that if we do this as a grant then typically as we have done in the past is that any grant monies we have issued the employee signs off that when the grant money is gone then the employee is gone. Felix stated if we don't find another (funding) source for that employee then yes, they would be gone. Schwartz stated if we get into tough times we could fall back on this and say this is a grant and use the funds where they are needed. Massillamany stated there needs to be that understanding. You are going to see more community involvement as it continues to grow with awareness being a huge part of it. This is another program that we have our hands in that is not necessarily our job.

Nation stated the schools restructured how the teachers deal with the kids. In Noblesville they restructured the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars program, they took their personnel for this program. We have always said instead of the school expelling, suspending, or referring to the juvenile system how can we work with the kids, keep the parents involved, so they do not automatically end up in the juvenile court. That is the worst way of doing it and the most expensive. Massillamany asked if they have volunteers? Nation replied yes. The only ones being paid are the professionals within the district.

Belden is concerned with the checks and balances, who decides who gets the job? Nation replied it comes through Paula and himself, it is under his line item. Belden asked who watches what they do and

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whether or not they are doing a good job? Nation stated Tricia (Akers) does the first line of evaluations. Akers stated they are all county employees right now, the money is coming from other sources. She is bound by doing the performance appraisals, everything that a county employee requires which is seven (7) staff including herself with Judge Nation does the appraisal for her. Massillamany clarified it is the eight (8) of you have right now and you are asking for eight (8) more, it is not that you are asking for the existing eight? That is where the confusion is. Glynn confirmed they are trying to increase their staffing. Nation stated the people that are now employed they are trying to move that to county funding, these people are there right now. What we will do because we still have the commitments from the communities and the schools that funding would be freed up so that we can ask for additional employees but we are not asking for that from county funding. Glynn asked if once that money is freed up you would want to hire more staff? Nation agreed. Glynn stated that is what the money is essentially for, for more employees. Massillamany added it is basically making the eight (8) that have been involved from conception to more permanent. Akers reported not everybody is full time, Hamilton Heights and Sheridan are part time and Noblesville has a part time person. Belden asked if we pay the health insurance for that too? Answer was no. Belden asked who pays for part time? Akers stated it is covered through the foundations, city and municipality contributions. It is Akers job to collect that money to put into the fund and appropriate line items. It is administered through Hamilton County. Beaver confirmed – you have seven (7) full time and how many part time? Akers replied they have three (3) part time and four (4) full time. There have been over 800 referrals to the program.

Beaver understands the request, when we make this decision are you acceptable that whatever dollars you might or may not get you would still run the same way, through the grant monies that whomever you hire with that money they would be signing a contract? Nation replied affirmatively. Glynn stated sometimes it is tougher to give somebody a job and the next year they don't have it, which is tough. Akers stated the entire staff has agreed to that up to this point. Felix reported it is amazing how they care for the program, we have had people leave their full time positions with the county to take the risk to be in a grant funded position.

McKinney would like to explore reallocating current employees, either probation or juvenile detention center employees. Beaver believes we need to look at the juvenile detention center, it is not a successful program but inertia is not allowing us to look at it at this time. Nation reported the report said we would have 40 kids in that center and we have five (5). We have also reduced the referrals to the juvenile system because of YAP.

Massillamany stated there was a concern that the funding will disappear after January 1, 2016 but that is not the case. Belden asked if they have approached the schools in regards to help with new staff members and salaries? Aker replied they help us in other ways.

Massillamany adjourned the meeting.

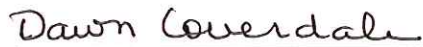
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APPROVED

  
Amy Massillamany, Vice President

ATTEST

  
Dawn Coverdale, Auditor

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